

Memorandum

October 1, 2002

TO: Marvin Krout, Planning

FR: Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation *Lynn Johnson*

RE: Comprehensive Plan Amendment regarding Description of Typical Neighborhood Park

The purpose of this memo is to request consideration of an amendment to the description contained with the City-County Comprehensive Plan of a typical neighborhood park.

The discussion of Neighborhood Parks within the Parks, Recreation and Open Space chapter of the City-County Comprehensive Plan establishes a level of service standard of two acres of neighborhood parkland per 1,000 residents. A service area radius is established of approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile in the urban area, or one neighborhood park per square mile. It is my understanding that the Plan anticipates urban densities of approximately 4,500 residents per square mile. Therefore, a neighborhood park of nine acres would be necessary to provide open space and outdoor recreation facilities to residents of a "typical" square mile of residential development within the urban area. Therefore, it is suggested that the description of neighborhood parks be amended as follows:

Sites of approximately ~~five to six~~ **eight to twelve** acres, centrally located within areas of residential development. Typical activity areas include playground equipment, open lawn area for informal games and activities, play court with a single basketball goal for informal games, seating, and walking paths.